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In re Application of:

Jeff S. Eder

Examiner: Richard Weisberger

Serial No. 10/025,794

Art Unit: 3624

Filed: December 26, 2001

For:

A PROCESS OPTIMIZATION SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments.

Examiner: Richard Weisberger

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